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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LIBERIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY
EQUIPMENT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM ACTING FONMIN OKAI DATED MAY 23 INFORMING US THAT LIBERIAN REQUEST FOR ONE 160- FT CUTTER AND TWO 100- FT CUTTERS AS WELL AS MAJOR COMBAT ENGINEER EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH A SECOND ENGINEER BATTALION MIGHT FIGURE IN DISCUSSIONS PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO HAVE IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME OF PRESIDENT' S INTEREST IN INCREASING COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND IN DEVELOPING AFL CAPACITY TO OPEN UP NEW ROADS TO INTERIOR. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF REALIZATION AT TOP LEVEL OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (FULLY SHARED BY USMILMIS AND EMBASSY) THAT BEFORE SUCH NEW EQUIPMENT CAN SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE GOL MUST ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN AND SUSTAIN IT IN OPERATIONAL CAPACITY. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT GOL HAS ENCOUNTERED SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN KEEPING PRESENT COAST GUARD AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL, PARTLY BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE BUDGETARY SUPPORT.

3. WE ARE THEREFORE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY PRESENT APPROACH AND UNSURE OF HOW AND EXACTLY WHEN GOL INTENDS TO FOLLOW IT UP. WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION THROUGH MINDEFENSE
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AND WILL, OF COURSE, ENDEAVOR DIVERT THIS SUBJECT FROM
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